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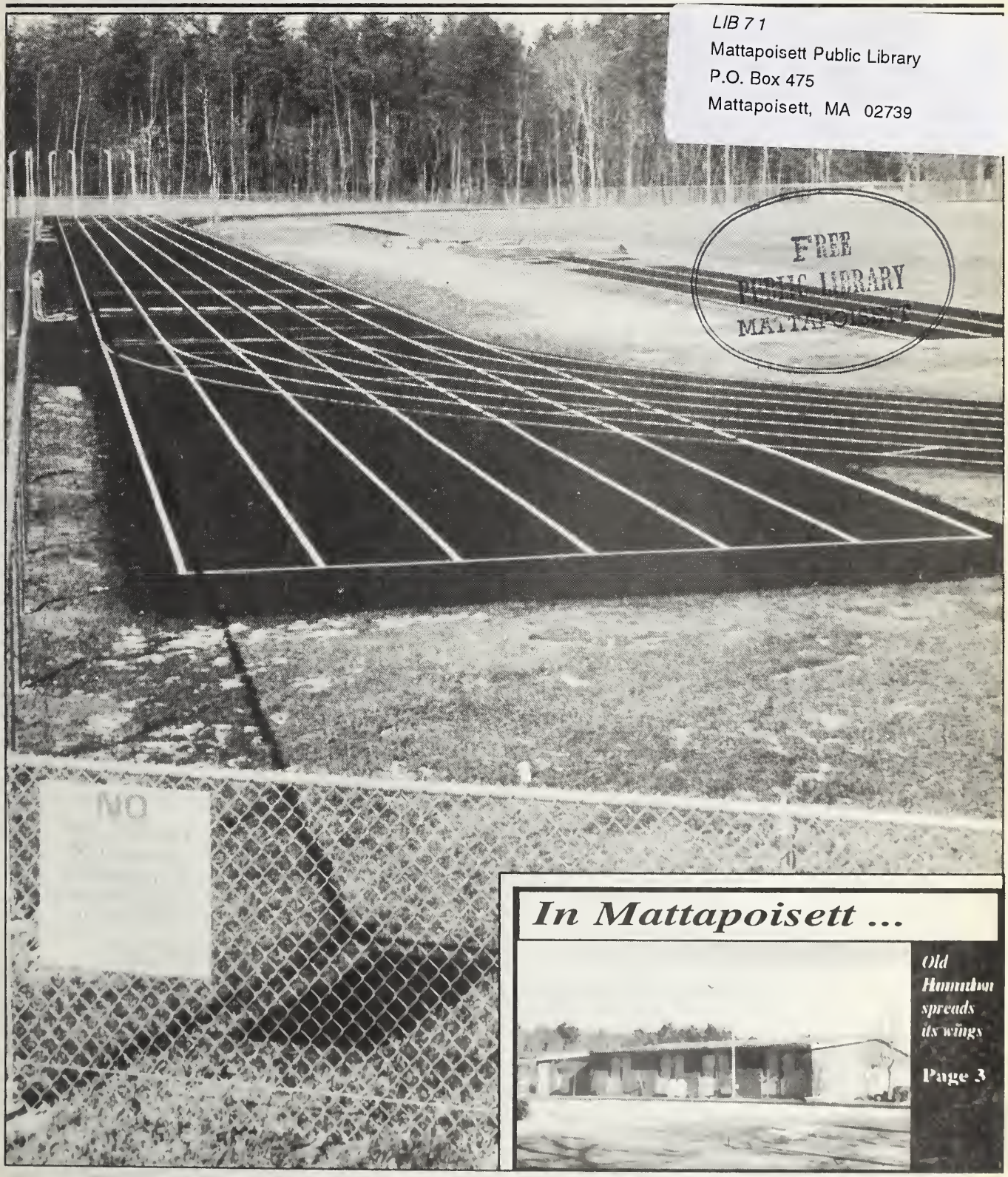

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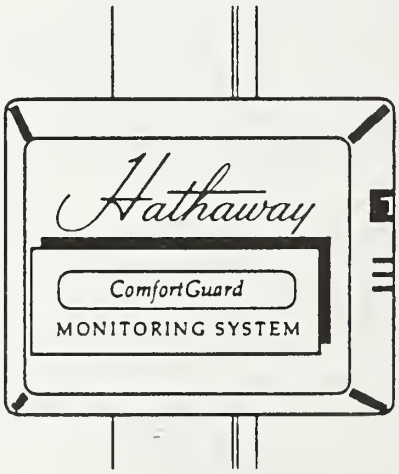

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Back on Track

ORR's Renovated Track is Up and Running

By Kenneth J. Souza

Sometimes persistence pays off. Sometimes when you're running a race, it's worth pushing yourself that extra mile. At least, that's what people like Ashleyn Stroud of Mattapoisett believe.

It was nearly three years ago that she and several other dedicated residents from Mattapoisett, Marion, and Rochester joined forces to work toward renovating and refurbishing the decaying track facility at Old Rochester Regional High School. But after some false starts and unsure footing, the project has finally come to fruition.

"I know coaches and athletes alike are thrilled with the track," said Ms. Stroud, who is a member of the ORR Track Advisory Committee and was a driving force in garnering support from tri-town residents for the project. "They say it's a really good surface to run on. I know they've had a bigger turnout than usual for the (Winter) Track Team this year because of it."

The ORR Track Advisory Committee recently announced that the 400-meter track was certified and the facility was opened for both school and public use just before the holidays. And, according to the ORR School District's Associate Superintendent for Business, the renovated facility is better than ever.

"My sense from the coaches is they're very pleased with the new track," said Andrew Santos. "I mean when you go from nothing to something, that's good. But (the new track) is more than adequate to accommodate every interscholastic event. We were able to get acceptance of the track surface ... and the track teams have been utilizing it since almost the start of the winter season."

Of course, the facility is not limited to student use. In fact, the ORR Track Advisory Committee added that residents from the tri-town district are cordially invited to use the facility for running, jogging, or walking. They only request that people wear appropriate shoes (sneakers) on the track, and that use be confined to the four outside lanes to prevent excessive wear on the inside lanes.

"We have signs posted around the track to advise people so that the facility is kept up with reasonable maintenance," Mr. Santos said. "The track will be primarily used by school students and tri-town residents."

The entire renovated facility has also been fenced in for protection, and it is requested that no pets be allowed within the fenced area. In addition, in-line skates, skateboards, bicycles, or any other wheeled vehicles are prohibited as they will destroy the track's surface. The committee would like to ask residents to assist in maintaining this new community resource and hope that everyone will take advantage of this beautiful asset.

Though the track is now ready for use, other portions of the facility have been delayed due to inclement weather. Due to the unusually wet Fall weather, the throwing areas of the facility are incomplete at this time, but will be ready for the Spring.

"The weather held us up on the field areas," Ms. Stroud said. "The discus area needs further seeding. We also had some water problems because of all the rain ... so we had to wait for the ground to freeze to get the big equipment in. Instead of seeding, we are going to use a stone base, which is actually a better surface to throw on. The javelin area is in the center of the track itself ... and the jumping areas are all finished."

Now that nearly three years have passed and the three towns finally appropriated the $245,000 for the renovation project, does Ms. Stroud feel it was worth the effort?

"It was absolutely well-worth the effort," she said. "All the equipment has been ordered and will be here by the Spring. We've finally got it done ... and it feels good."

Expanding Education

Old Hammondtown Expansion Update

By Kenneth J. Souza

With a little luck, students at Mattapoisett's Old

On the cover: *The newly-renovated track facility at Old Rochester Regional High School is now opened for winter sports and to the general public. The $245,000 project was three years in the making. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

Cover insert: *This new four-classroom expansion wing at Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett is now near completion. School officials say they are waiting only for windows to be installed sometime in February. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

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Hammondtown School could be walking through a new wing expansion as early as this winter, according to School Committee Chairman Peter B. Hodges. Despite a few minor delays in getting certain supplies, the expansion project seems to be right on schedule.

"We're probably somewhere between 80 and 85 percent complete right now," Mr. Hodges said. "We've had some minor problems — mainly a delay in some of the materials from suppliers that the general contractor is using. The major reason the addition isn't finished is because the windows that were ordered have not been delivered yet. We originally thought they might be in by Christmas, but we're still waiting for the windows. They should be delivered sometime in February ... after that, very little needs to be done."

Despite this temporary setback, Mr. Hodges said he met with the Clerk of the Works last week and was informed that the project is coming together nicely. The new four-classroom wing will also include three smaller rooms which will allow them to free up space in the older building. He noted that the new addition has also allowed them to upgrade the entire building for future computer connections — which means that Old Hammondtown School will be one of the first in the area prepared to handle the ever-growing technology of computers in the classroom.

The only other consideration for the Building Committee right now is to make up for the parking spaces

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which were sacrificed for the expansion. "We're sensitive to the fact that (the expansion) cut into the existing parking area for school and recreational functions," Mr. Hodges said. "Depending on the amount of money available, we'll have to see what we can do. For the Christmas programs, the school staff was able to accommodate the overflow parking. That worked very well. I'm not sure that will be enough parking on an ongoing basis ... but we'll be taking a look at replacing at least the parking area that was eliminated by the construction of the building."

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

January 21, 1997

By Pamela L. Sylvia

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, January 21 by Chairman John N. DeCosta. Also present were Selectman Paul E. Lambalot, Selectman Michele C. Bernier, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

After approving the minutes of the Executive Session held on Tuesday, January 7 the meeting began with the 7:15 pm appointment on the agenda with Beach Director Pam Hiller and Assistant Director David Anmahian. Director Hiller explained to the board about the success of area beaches this past season. She commented on how well the beaches were with directors assisting all the time.

Director Hiller also stated a list of objectives and improvements for next season. The organization is interested in teaching life saving, but a raft will be needed for such purposes. Executive Secretary Adams concluded that Director Hiller and Assistant Director Anmahian should meet to discuss funding for the raft.

Another idea mentioned for the upcoming season is having an arts and crafts class for children. A similar program was available, but was stopped. The new class would teach a different craft everyday. The only thing needed to be researched was whether it would cost for an instructor or supplies.

The conversation then switched to parking at Reservation Beach, and how difficult it can be when people without town stickers park where they are not registered. Selectman Lambalot suggested having someone to look at the automobiles for stickers. Assistant Director Anmahian is convinced this is the significant problem that needs to be solved for next season. "Are we going to allow them to park without stickers?" he asked. "Stickers are the big issue."

Then Mr. Anmahian spoke highly of the kids who worked at the beach over the summer season. He gave them all praise and hopes each one will return to their posts next season.

The next appointment on the agenda for 7:30 pm was to

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meet with Pamela Truesdale, the Executive Director of the Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB). Also in attendance was Joseph Costa, Director of the Buzzards Bay Project, who helped to answer any questions people may have.

Ms. Truesdale informed the board the reason for the appointment was to reopen the lines of communication between the CBB and the board. Ms. Truesdale then read a list of recommendations, which the CBB felt the Town of Mattapoisett should take into consideration. Some recommendations included:

• Designate waters as an EPA "No Discharge Area" for boat waste;

• Continue work on Eel Pond Nitrogen Management Plan with the CBB;

• Hire a Conservation Agent, and continue with education

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of the local Conservation Commission about wetlands and the protection tools;

• Continue work on the Open Space and Master Plan for growth management and protection of natural resources;

• Remediate old storm water discharges and look for assistance from the CBB;

• Adopt stormwater discharge regulations for new development and Planning Board subdivision regulations.

Executive Director Truesdale then stated a few facts involving area waters. The poorest quality in the area is located in the Mattapoisett River, where more frequent tests for nitrogen need to be taken. Overall, there is good quality in the harbor. Plus, Eel Pond, which once had high qualities of shellfish is now closed. But it has many nutrients in the water, which may be promising for the future.

Ms. Truesdale once again informed the board that she would love to hear from them anytime. "I'm glad we had the opportunity to reestablish communication, and our door is always open," she said.

Selectman Bernier asked Ms. Truesdale where grant money can be located for future reference, and Ms. Truesdale informed her that all proposals are considered by the Coalition for Buzzards Bay. Any proposal should be sent to her office for consideration.

At 8:00 pm, the board met with Hans Doherty of the Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity. He informed the board that his organization is trying to inform people who could benefit from their work. Habitat for Humanity is responsible for helping less fortunate people by building houses on plots of property. Then the land is offered to qualified families who can live in the property for interest-fee mortgages. Habitat for Humanity eliminates poverty housing by rehabilitating existing properties and takes land to put to good use.

Mr. Doherty then informed the board of a fundraiser occurring on Saturday, March 22 at the Nemasket Group in Fairhaven. There will be an art auction, as well as a local wine tasting. Tickets are $15, and anyone with questions should call the

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Under Incoming Correspondence for the week, the board received:

• Robert Coquillette submitted his comments on the DPU electric industry. He says that the listing of certain highlighted items will give people a better understanding of the entire issue;

• SEMASS submitted the price per ton fee for emissions and ash testing for 1997. Mattapoisett's price per ton decreased from 64 cents to 56 cents;

• The American Red Cross is seeking a representative from Mattapoisett to serve on the 80th Anniversary Ball Committee. The first meeting will be held on January 23;

• Resignation of Caroline K. Mock as a member of the Board of Library Trustees;

• Correspondence from Michael A. Gabriel with regard to obtaining permission to open an accounting office at 75 Fairhaven Road. Correspondence in answer to Mr. Gabriel's letter was received from Building Inspector Andrew Bobola;

• Jeff Osuch copied the board with correspondence he forwarded to Trudy Coxe, Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, addressing funds programmed in the Transportation Bond legislation;

• EPA has extended public comment for the proposed cleanup of the upper and lower area of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site. This comment period is now extended to February 3, 1997.

After discussing all issues for the evening, the board unanimously voted to adjourn.

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Marion Selectmen's Meeting

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By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman Albert E. Winters, Executive Secretary Ray Pickles, and Secretary Helene Craver.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the January 14 meeting and signing treasury warrants 30 and 30A for the week, the board then appointed Rollin G. Buckminster Jr. to the town's Emergency Medical Services (EMS). They also approved a request

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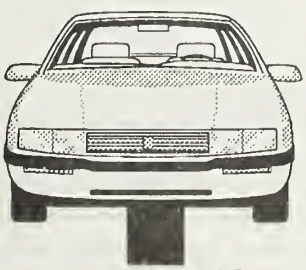

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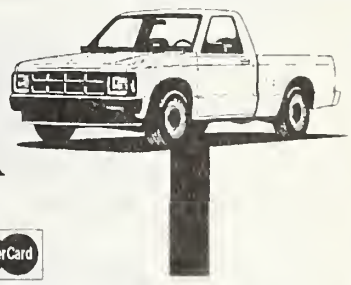

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Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a letter from David S. Arms of the Marine Resources Commission (MRC) regarding the reappointment of MRC members. Mr. Arms noted that because there have been so many appointments over the last two years, the MRC has gotten off its three-member rotation. As such, Mr. Arms has requested that the board adjust the terms for David Knott and Eivind Stand to May 31, 1997 so that they will both be up for renewal this year along with himself.

Chairman Dickerson agreed to make a mental note to consider this matter when the time comes to make reappointments for 1997.

Carolyn M. Eames, the chairman of the Marion Recreation Committee, next submitted a request to enroll the committee's Activity Director, A. Susanne Kotowski, in the health insurance program provided by the town. "(She) works at least 25 hours a week," Ms. Eames wrote. "More often than not, the position requires an extension of those hours."

The Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to enroll Ms. Kotowski in the town's health insurance program. Mr. Pickles advised that her coverage will not take effect until June 1, 1997 and that she will be required to pay 50 percent of her premium cost.

The Marion/Mattapoisett/Rochester Housing Co-Op, Inc. next sent notification that their meeting has been rescheduled to February 3 at 4:30 pm in the Rochester Town Hall.

Likewise, the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen sent notification that the Annual Herring Meeting originally slated for

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January 30 has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Selectmen's office. All three Selectmen said they would make an effort to attend this meeting.

Buzzards Bay Action Committee (BBAC) Chairman Jeffrey Osuch next sent a copy of the letter he wrote to Trudy Coxe of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) regarding funding for the BBAC. According to Mr. Osuch, the continued cooperation between the state and local agencies is required to avoid future environmental mishaps. "An oil spill the magnitude of the recent Rhode Island spill from a portion of a single barge would be catastrophic, not only to the environment and habitat of our Bay, but also to the region's economy and public health," he wrote. As such, Mr. Osuch is requesting a meeting with the Director of Coastal Zone Management and Ms. Coxe to determine how continued funding might be made available for the area.

David Alves, Chairman of the Government Division of the local chapter of the United Way, sent a letter to the board asking for their support in this year's campaign. Mr. Pickles noted that Mr. Alves has requested to meet with the board regarding this matter at a later date.

At 7:05 pm the board met with Horace "Hod" Kenney to discuss the recently completed draft of the town's Open Space and Recreational Plan for 1996 through 2001. Mr. Kenney said the revised plan — which was prepared by the Open Space Committee under the auspices of the Conservation Commission (ConCom) — is "basically an update of the plan that expired in 1995 ... and much of the data has been rolled over from the previous plan."

According to Mr. Kenney, there was a town-wide mailing to gather input from residents, and he feels that residential opinions are

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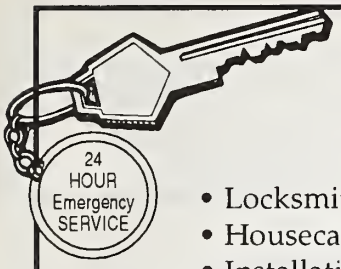

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fairly well-represented in the package. Upon approval from various town boards, the plan will be filed with the state so that Marion might be able to apply for future open space grants.

The board members then reviewed the lengthy draft plan and questioned Mr. Kenney on the wording of some of the individual sections. Selectman Schaefer cited one section which mentions that residents ranked potential bike paths and hiking/walking trails as top priorities and the report goes on to suggest that no action has been taken by the town on this matter. "The town is working toward a future bike path," she said. "That statement is not accurate and should be corrected."

Selectman Winters had a similar problem with a section which supports the establishment of a historic district when "the townspeople have clearly said they don't want a historic district," he

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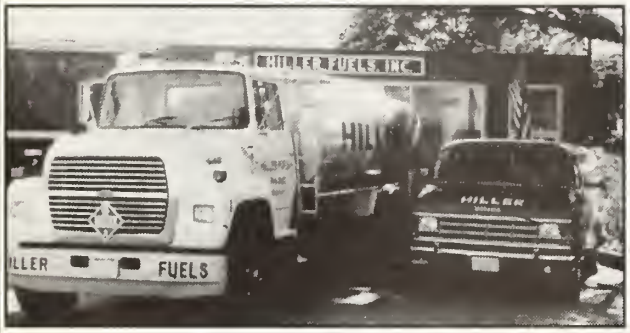

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said.

Selectman Schaefer also didn't agree with the wording of two other sections which dealt with town beaches and boat moorings. "There's a line which says the five beach areas in Marion are heavily used," she said. "I don't think the beach areas are overused. I think you might want to omit that paragraph."

"Another section states that Marion residents feel there is a need to increase the number of boat moorings (in Sippican Harbor) ... and (the lack of moorings) is a managerial and organizational error," Selectman Schaefer said. "Whose opinion is that?"

Mr. Kenney said he would have to go back and review the resident survey and see if that opinion was implied in the results.

There was also some contention over a section of the plan in which the Conservation Commission is cited as having control over the agreement between the town and the Massachusetts Audubon Society regarding Bird Island. Mr. Kenney said it was his understanding that the original agreement was made between the ConCom and that the ConCom needs to approve any work and/or projects on Bird Island.

But Mr. Pickles disagreed. "The only agreement the Massachusetts Audubon has with Marion is to allow them to take an annual bird count ... and put up fences to contain the birds," he said. "The Conservation Commission cannot enter into any agreements on behalf of the town ... that needs to go through the executive office, which is the Board of Selectmen."

Mr. Pickles and Selectman Schaefer also both disagreed with a statement in the plan which suggested that it is "easier" and "cheaper" for boat owners to simply dump their waste into the harbor instead of using the town's pump-out facilities. "We have more pump-out facilities than any other harbor and we're looking to expand this year," Mr. Pickles said. "The Harbormaster makes it very easy for boat owners to get pumped out, and it doesn't cost anything."

The board thanked Mr. Kenney and his committee for preparing the plan and agreed that they were only trying to offer

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constructive criticism as to amending the draft. "There's a lot of good work and effort which went into this plan and hopefully the town will reap the benefits," Selectman Schaefer said.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:08 pm.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

January 21, 1996

By Dionne F. Richmond

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, January 21, 1996 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Lorraine Roy Hawkes. Also present were Selectman Richard D. Cutler, Selectman William D. Chamberlain and secretary Veronica Lafreniere.

After approving the minutes of the meetings held on January 6 and January 13 the Board reviewed incoming correspondence for the week. The first letter was from Kelly Hartley requesting ambulance bill waivers for four individuals. Two of the individuals have no forwarding address and the other two do not have the financial means to pay the ambulance bills. Selectmen unanimously approved this request noting they had no choice since they can't locate two of the individuals.

Selectmen also received a letter from Senator Marc Pacheco regarding an amendment to the Education Reform Act which called for the optional creation of a Local Scholarship Fund by the individual cities or towns if they voted to accept this section of the law. His amendment gave the town of Rochester the option of creating a Local Education Fund as well. Citizens would be able to

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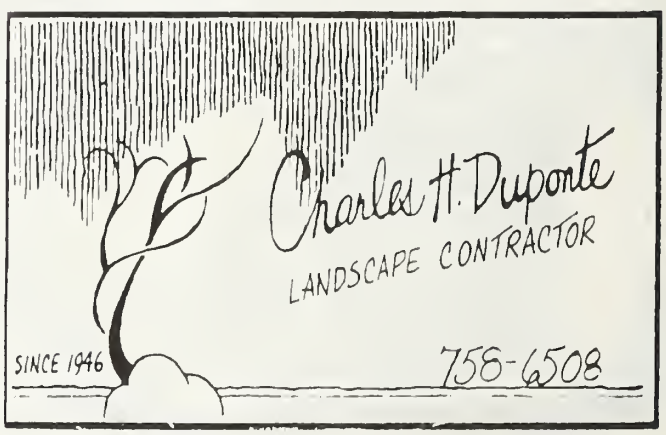

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In his letter he explained, "I sponsored this amendment because I am aware of the importance of providing proper education funds for public schools. The 'check off' section that this section of the law provides would allow citizens of each community to contribute directly to help education in their city or town. I feel that this is an ideal opportunity to secure funding for public education and I would like to urge you to have the town approve this section."

The Board made a motion to forward the memo to the treasurer and Superintendent Walsh and ask them for their opinion. "We can find out if it's worth doing," agreed Selectman Chamberlain. Chairman Hawkes recalled this article was previously tabled because of confusion over who would handle separating the donations from

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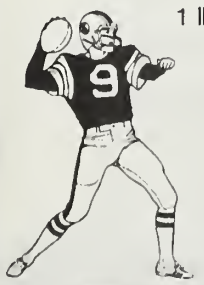

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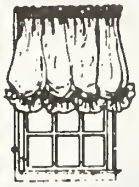

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the tax bills. The Board will ask Executive Secretary Dean to contact other towns who have already successfully implemented this option.

Other correspondence received included a permit from the Mass Highway Department to place a stop sign at King's Highway, per the request of the Selectmen and Board of Health. Selectmen unanimously agreed to ask the Highway Surveyor to install the sign.

The Board received notification from the Park Commissioners they would head the Mary's Pond Beach Project and form an ad hoc study committee. Anyone who is interested in serving on this committee should contact the Selectmen's office at 763-3871 or send a letter to the Rochester Town Hall. The Cable Advisory Committee is also looking for a "few good men and women." Selectman Cutler asked that people come "out of the woodwork" and get involved in the town. So far only one person has expressed interest in serving on the committee.

Next, Selectmen received a letter from Edward Zyskowski of Quaker Lane in Acushnet regarding his earth removal permit and Pond View Excavating Company. A cease and desist order was placed on Mr. Zyskowsis' earth removal permit when he did not pay his taxes on the property. After completing an inspection of the property the Board noted some problems with the property including sloping, stumps and concrete. Mr. Zyskowski blamed his contractor and said they didn't fulfill their job and stopped working on the property for months at a time. A permit can't be issued unless the land taxes are paid. Mr. Foley of Pond View Excavating defended his business and called it a clean operation and said he offered to pay the taxes. He said he never brought stumps on the property. He also said he paid Mr. Zyskowski $60,000 in 27 months.

Chairman Hawkes said the letter basically stated that Mr.

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Zyskowski didn't agreed with Mr. Foley as to where material on the property came from. "He said he has no knowledge of this," she said. The Board unanimously voted to place this letter in his file pending the outcome of the two weeks given to both parties to settle their differences. Other allegations in the letter were not pertinent to the permit process, they said.

Chairman Hawkes then suggested they Board meet more often to go over things like job descriptions, personnel by-laws and goals for the executive secretary. The Board also discussed setting a date for the Special Town Meeting. They will consult with the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Town Accountant next week for their recommendations. "We need to start compiling a list of articles," noted Selectman Cutler. Some articles they are considering include the Dexter Lane recreational project, minor changes in zoning by-laws for clarification purposes, and placing restrictions on the zoning of adult entertainment establishments. The Board will also ask Mr. Dean to consult with SRPEDD about the language for a creative development by-law. A public hearing will be held for the zoning articles which will be submitted to Town Counsel and then the Planning Board.

Other notices the Board received include:

•SRPEDD FY 98 Assessment (Rochester is a district member) in the amount of $588.15.

• The Herring Inspector meeting was rescheduled to February 6, 1997 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Selectmen's Office.

At 8:20 the Board recessed to meet at a Personnel Board and unanimously voted to adjourn following the meeting.

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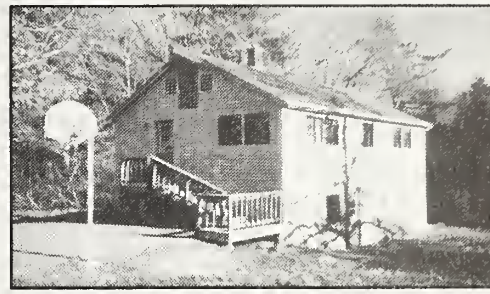

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To the Editor:

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Sincerely,
Cindy Haskell
Acushnet

To the Editor:

(Editor's Note: The following is an Open Letter to the residents of Marion.)

In January of last year, the Growth Management Committee released its report containing certain recommendations which, if followed, would serve to assist the Town (of Marion) in managing its future growth. The recommendations contained in this report were designed to maintain Marion's special character and diverse residential community while, at the same time, improve its business climate and continue to maintain low taxes.

In the twelve months that have followed since the recommendations of the Growth Management Committee, both the Board of Selectmen and the Planning

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Board have been working aggressively toward implementing some of these recommendations. We have worked jointly with the Planning Board on some of the growth issues. In addition, each board is in the process of proposing changes dealing with its own agenda and area of authority.

The Planning Board has announced that at 6:30 pm on January 27, 1997, a meeting will be held in the Sippican School cafeteria to discuss its recommendations and proposed by-law changes which will define the way the Town will manage its growth in the years to come. Discussion will include specific recommendations relating to residential and business growth. The recommendations and public input will be used as a basis for Warrant Articles to be presented at a Special Town Meeting, which will be held on March 10, 1997 at 7:00 pm.

We urge every Marion resident to attend the January meeting and to make his or her voice heard. Marion's future depends on your participation.

Sincerely,
Jonathan E. Dickerson, Chairman
Loretta B. Schaefer
Albert E. Winters
Marion Board of Selectmen

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The speaker this month will be George Avila, who will give a presentation on the "Pairpoint Glass Company," covering the period 1864 to 1956. Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on February 3. Last-minute changes and reservations may be made by calling Mike Lamoureux at 758-9311.

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Monday, January 27 is the last chance for both old and new members to join the Sippican Choral Society of Marion as it rehearses for its Spring Concerts. New members are very welcome to join the chorus just by coming to the rehearsal. (Please arrive by 7:15 pm if this is your first rehearsal.) The Spring Concerts will be under the auspices of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, with the chorus being joined by the New Bedford Choral Society and the Concord Chorus in two performances of Dvorjak's *Requiem* next May 17 and 18 in New Bedford and Lexington. Parking is available in the Marion General Store parking lot on Front Street in the village. For further information, please call Chorus President

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School Committee Meetings

The following is a schedule of school committee meetings for February. All meetings are slated to begin at 7:30 pm.

- Wednesday, February 5 - Marion School Committee at Sippican School;
- Monday, February 10 - Mattapoisett School Committee at Old Hammondtown School;
- Tuesday, February 11 - ORR District School Committee at the Kunces Memorial Library, ORR High School;
- Thursday, February 27 - Rochester School Committee at Memorial School.

Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers

The Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers will hold a "Cherry Pie Special" Square and Round Dance on Saturday, February 1 at the Acushnet Elementary School on Middle Road. The level is mainstream-plus and the dance will be held from 8:00 to 11:00 pm. The caller will be Jim Schell, and the cuer will be Anna McDougall. For more information, please call 995-2209 or 995-7204.

Fairhaven Student Wins Contest

Ashlee Brienzo of Fairhaven recently won a local competition in the International Peace Poster Contest. An

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eighth grade student at Hastings Middle School, Ashlee has taken the first step to becoming an internationally-recognized artist by winning the competition, sponsored by the Fairhaven Lions Club. Ashlee's poster is among thousands of entries submitted worldwide in the Ninth Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

The 13-year-old from Fairhaven's poster was selected from the five that were created by Hastings Middle School students. Ashlee's entry best portrayed the contest's theme: "Building a Peaceful World."

Fairhaven Lions Club President John Marcelino said he was "pleased with all the work the Hastings Middle School students put into the project. From looking at all the entries, it was obvious the students had strong feelings about peace."

Ashlee Brienzo's poster recently advanced to round two district competition in Bridgewater where her entry won against twenty-two entries within the district. Ashlee's poster then went into the state competition and also won in the third round of competition. There are two more rounds of International Competition. Lions Club International is sponsoring the contest to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

Ultimately, one grand prize winner will be selected from 24 international finalists. The grand prize includes a cash award of $1,500, plus an all-expense paid trip for the winner and two family members to New York City for the awards ceremony at the United Nations in March, 1997. As merit award winners, the remaining 23 finalists will each receive certificates and a cash award of $250.

"We know Ashlee has a long way to go," Mr. Marcelino said, "but we're all cheering for her."

In 1992, Melissa Deschamps of Hitch Street in Fairhaven was the international finalist. Laurie Gonsalves is Ashlee's art teacher at Hastings Middle School. Ashlee resides with her parents, Karen and Frank Foster, on Sconticut Neck Road in Fairhaven. Other students who contributed drawings to the competition included: John Manchester (14 years old); Erin Dwicki (13 years old); David Price (13 years old); and Quintin Marcelino (13 years old).

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Blood Pressure Clinics for the month of February will be held on Wednesday, February 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and on Wednesday, February 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Clinics are held at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street and are open to all Mattapoisett residents.

Community Education Course

A community education seminar titled "The Literature of the Heart's Desire" will be offered to the general public February 12 through April 30 in Marion. The ten sessions will be held at the First Congregational Church Community Center on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. The instructor, Bart Nourse (Ph.D., International Studies), has two decades of teaching experience, including English, religion, and philosophy.

Much has been noted about the courage to "follow your bliss" (i.e. to pursue the heart's desire — not mere pleasure, but a life passion that elicits full competence and vitality in an individual). But what if the individual doesn't know what his or her "bliss station" is? That is the question driving the course. Hints or clues as to how the heart's desires are revealed can be found in the timeless writings of many enduring poets, essayists, and novelists from around the world and through the centuries. The course readings include selections from Jane Austen, Joseph Campbell, Dante, Meister Eckhardt, Emerson, T.S. Eliot, Aldous Huxley, William James, Keats,

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American Legion Post 280

A Ham and Bean Supper will be held on Saturday, January 25 at 5:00 pm at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoisett. For tickets, please call Jack DeCosta at 758-2310.

Marion's Sippican Seniors

Meeting/Installation

The next regular meeting of the Sippican Seniors will be held at 1:30 pm on Friday, February 14 at the VFW Pavilion on Route 6 in Marion. The 1997 slate of officers to be installed will include: Mildred Bacchiocchi (President); Laura Ames (Vice President); Sandy Prescott (Treasurer); Natalie Sullivan (Assistant Treasurer).

Bingo

Bingo games will be the afternoon's entertainment. There will be no charge for cards and cash prizes will be given for each game, followed by refreshments under the chairmanship of Joan Wilson and her committee.

Dues

Members are reminded to pay their 1997 dues. Anyone who attains the age of 82 this year is exempt from further dues. Please inform Natalie Sullivan.

Bargain Table

Dorothy Boardman welcomes new items for her Bargain Table and urges members to drop by the table when attending the meetings.

Executive Board

The Executive Board will meet at 11:30 am on Monday, February 10 at the Drop-In Center in Marion.

Soup Labels

Annie Giberti, our Campbell soup lady, reminds everyone to save labels for her and bring them to the next meeting.

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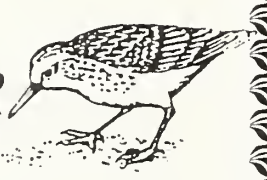

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Whist parties are also offered at 1:00 pm and on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month — please contact Natalie Sullivan at 748-1467.

Church Supper in Rochester

The First Congregational Church will be holding a Ham and Bean Supper at the Church Hall on Route 105 in Rochester on Saturday, February 1 at 6:00 pm. Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for children under 12. For tickets, please call 763-5521 or 763-8064.

CPR Class in Mattapoisett

A community-level CPR Class will be held at the Mattapoisett Fire Station on January 25 and January 26. Class hours are Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, and Sunday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. Cost is $10 per student. Those with a current card can renew it by taking the Sunday test only for $5. Please confirm a spot by calling the instructors at 758-4021.

Friends of Millicent Library

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Town Hall Tales

The Mattapoisett Town Hall will be 100 years old this year. Mattapoisett officials wish to celebrate this grand occasion and would like to include stories and anecdotes about the early years in a commemorative booklet. If you have an account you would like to share, please contact Town Clerk Lois Ennis or Selectman Jack DeCosta at 758-4103.

Rochester Cub Scouts

The Rochester Cub Scouts are looking for former Cub Scouts from 1957 to 1962 to join in the celebration of the 40th anniversary at the Blue and Gold Banquet to be held on February 28. For more information or to confirm your attendance, please call Debbie Martin at 763-9248.

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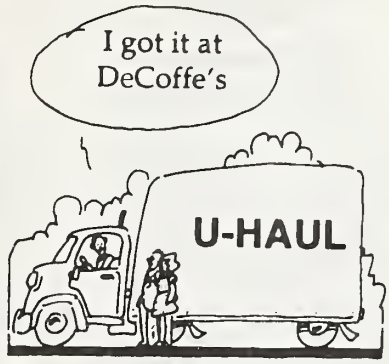

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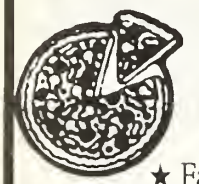

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Mariner Youth Soccer Club

The Mariner Youth Soccer Club will meet on Wednesday, January 29 at 7:30 pm in Room A-112 of ORR High School in Mattapoisett.

Community Meeting in Marion

All Marion residents are urged to contribute their questions, opinions, and hopes to the Marion Planning Board's ongoing project to prepare the town for the future. A community-wide meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27 at 6:30 pm in the Sippican School cafeteria (off Park Street).

The focus will be on changes to Marion By-Laws concerning business and residential areas, intended to respond to concerns and suggestions expressed by townspeople over the last year. The Planning Board and the Growth Management Committee have noted a strong consensus among Marion citizens for measures to preserve the "seaside village" characteristics of the town and its social and economic diversity, as well as for action to protect existing businesses and encourage appropriate new ventures, and to maintain Marion's low tax rate.

A Special Town Meeting to adopt or reject by-law changes is scheduled for March 10. During February, the Planning Board will "fine tune" warrant articles to incorporate useful proposals and objections from the January 27 meeting.

Men's Tri-Town Fellowship

On Sunday, January 26 at 8:30 am, the Men's Tri-Town Fellowship will present Brian Rothschild of the Center for Marine Science, Environmental & Technology Group of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Mr. Rothschild will speak in the St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church Parish Hall and will discuss "CMAST," the new

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The proximity of the university to Buzzards Bay, the fishing fleet of New Bedford, and other marine-oriented commercial institutions offers unique opportunities for the future. These include ocean communications such as laser tracking, acoustic transducers, ocean and estuary modelling simulation and prediction, with an emphasis on urban aquaculture. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 am and there is an optional donation of $4 per person.

Center School - Mattapoisett

Kindergarten Switchover

Just a reminder to parents of Center School students that Kindergarten Switchover Day in Mrs. Proctor's Kindergarten classes will be Monday, February 10. On this day, students in Mrs. Proctor's morning session of Kindergarten will switch to the afternoon session (12:00 to 2:45 pm) and students in the afternoon session will switch to the morning session (8:25 to 11:15 am). Please be sure to send a note to Mrs. Proctor by February 3 to let her know if your child will be going somewhere other than his/her house when they leave

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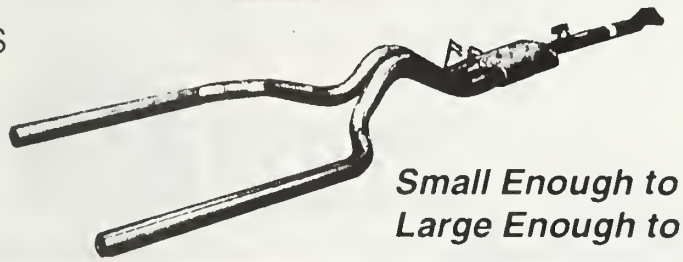

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Report Cards

The second marking term of the school year closes on Friday, January 31 and Individual Progress Reports (Report Cards) will be sent home with all Kindergarten through Grade 3 students on Friday, February 7. Please remember to sign the report card envelope and return it to your child's teacher on Monday, February 10. Do not return the Progress Report, it is your copy to keep.

Visiting Artists Sought

March has been designated by the Massachusetts Art Education Association as "Youth Art Month." This is the tenth annual celebration of the month at Center School in Mattapoisett. A major part of the celebration will be the visitation of artists, during class time, to discuss and demonstrate their areas of expertise. Funding to compensate the artists for their time has been generously provided by matching grants from the Mattapoisett Parent-Teacher's Association (PTA), and by the Massachusetts Cultural Council as administered by the Mattapoisett Cultural Council.

Visiting artists in the past have included those specializing in face painting, watercolor, silk screening, stained glass, furniture making, wood burning, and several others. Repeat visiting artists are certainly welcome, as are parents and newcomers. We know there is a lot of talent out there, and we also know that the rewards of sharing that talent with our young artists are immense. If you are an area artist and interested in enriching the creative development of our young "Van Goghs," then please contact Diane Perry, Center School Art Teacher, by February 14 at 758-2521, or send her a note c/o Center School, 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Grant Workshop in Fairhaven

Non-profit leadership, board members, volunteers, and staff are invited to learn more about non-profit fund development and expand their funding sources by enrolling in the successful fund development workshop, "Beyond Grants," to be held by Astrid Tollefsen, Director of ASPAVA Fund Development Counsel. A certified fund-raising executive, Ms. Tollefsen will conduct the workshop at the Harrop Center, Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street in Fairhaven on Friday, January 31 from 9:30 to 3:30 pm. Termed "a wealth of information," by participants, topics

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This popular professional workshop which initially came to the area last fall is designed to enable non-profit leadership to be successful as they meet the development challenges of the 21st century. Ms. Tollefsen, a native of New Bedford and a graduate of New Bedford schools, holds a Master's degree from Kent State University in Ohio and has done post-graduate work at the University of California, Irvine in business and psychology. A former teacher, Naval officer, Program Director at the New Bedford YWCA, YWCA Executive Director, and college development officer, she has had many years of fund development success as well as specialized training.

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Registration is limited to eighteen and the deadline is January 28. Early registration is advised. Please phone or fax 508-771-4453, or e-mail to ASPAVA@capecod.net for more enrollment information.

ORR High School

Tech Prep Night

The Old Rochester Regional High School Tech Prep Program, Business Technology and Engineering Technology Clusters, will be holding a Tech Prep Information Night on Thursday, January 23 at 7:00 pm in the ORR High School Cafeteria. Parents of Grade 10 students recommended for enrollment in the program should make every effort to attend this informative presentation.

Guest speaker for the session will be Ted Boudria, Bristol Community College (BCC) Tech Prep Coordinator. He will explain the advantages of two-year (high school) plus two-year (community college) plus two-year (state college and university) connecting programs. Students who successfully complete the ORR Tech Prep Program are guaranteed admission to BCC.

After graduating from BCC, students can fully transfer credits to all Massachusetts State Colleges and Universities in their junior year. A number of other four-year institutions also accept credits earned at BCC as equivalent to the first two years of their programs — in Business at Bryant and Stonehill Colleges, and in Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

BCC is initiating a host of new technology programs directly meeting the needs of local industry. Students learn the kinds of skills that will ease their transition from school to employment at companies like AT&T, Molten Metals Technology, and Johnson & Johnson. Highlights of Women in Technology robotics summer program for high school girls will also be presented. After the presentation, Tech Prep Business and Engineering classrooms will be open for tours.

Parents of students in any grade who want to start early planning for their students' future are also invited to attend, as are the students themselves.

Rochester Animal Complaints

Attention Rochester residents: please contact the Communications Center (763-5112) regarding any animal complaint in town. Your call will be referred to the appropriate person.

Mattapoisett Lions Club

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will be holding a Pancake Breakfast every month through May. The breakfasts will take place on Sunday mornings from 8:00 to 11:00 am at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoisett. The breakfasts will be held on January 26, February 23, March 23, April 20, and May 18.

Tickets will be available at the door for $3 (adults), $2 (children), and $10 (family donation, 2 adults and 3 or more children). The breakfast includes pancakes, sausages, juice, and coffee.

North Fairhaven Improvement Association

The Board of Directors of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association (NFIA) recently selected Ms. Natalie S. Hemingway to be its recipient of their annual "Outstanding Public Servant Award." Presentation of a plaque along with a tribute to Ms. Hemingway will take place at the Seaport Inn in Fairhaven on Saturday, February 22 from 7:00 pm to 12:00 midnight. A buffet dinner and dancing to D.J. Eddie Freitas are planned for the evening. Donation is $20 per person. Please call 992-4857 for tickets or see a NFIA member.

Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Nomination Papers

Nomination Papers may be obtained for officers to be elected at the Annual Town Election on April 1, 1997. Papers must be taken out on or before February 7, 1997 and returned for certification no later than February 11, 1997. If you will be unable to vote in person at the polls on April 1, you may apply for an Absentee Ballot. The Town Clerk's office is open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday and Tuesday evenings, 7:00 to 7:30. Please call 758-4103 if you have any questions.

Voter Registration

If you are not registered to vote in the next Town Election, you may do so in person or by mail. Please call 758-4103 if you wish a mail-in form.

Dog Licenses

The 1997 Dog Licenses are now available. However, the Dog Officer will be continuing to swear out complaints in the Fourth District against the 1996 dog owners who have failed to license as required.

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The cost is $18 for all six classes, and the class size is limited to 10. For information and reservations, please call 748-2447 after 6:00 pm.

Rochester Annual Town Election

Rochester Town Clerk Naida Parker has advised that Nomination Papers for the 1997 Town Election are now available at her office. Anyone interested in obtaining nomination papers for Selectman, Board of Health, Board of Assessors, Moderator, Rochester School Committee, Planning Board, Cemetery Commission, Park Commission, or Library Trustees may see the Town Clerk on Monday evenings between 7:00 and 9:00 pm, or can call 763-3871.

Following are the offices and candidates which are up for re-election — Board of Selectman (3 years): William D. Chamberlain; Board of Health (3 years): David True; Board of Assessors (3 years): Jana Cavanaugh; Town Moderator (3 years): William D. Chamberlain; Rochester School Committee (2 positions, 3 years): Robert Cummings and Margo Mello; Planning Board (2 positions, 5 years): Roger Pelletier and John Hall; Cemetery Commission (3 years): Walter Hartley; Park Commission (3 years): William Towers; Library Trustees (2 positions, 3 years): Katherine Church and Anne Holbrook.

The last day to take out Nomination Papers is February 26. The last day to withdraw Nomination Papers is February 28. The last day to register to vote in the Annual Town Election is March 27. The Annual Town Election will be held on April 16.

All candidates must file an initial Campaign Finance Report on or before April 6, 1997. The report must include all transactions between January 1 and April 6. A second report is to be filed by May 16 and should include all transactions occurring between April 6 and May 16. Campaign report forms may be obtained from Town Clerk Naida Parker. If candidates have no expenditures, there is a simplified form which you need to sign.

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Mattapoisett Council on Aging

Mall Trip

The next Mall Trip will be to Hyannis on Thursday, February 6. The group will be leaving at 9:15 am.

Flower Show

The Mattapoisett COA will be going to the Boston Flower Show on March 13. The group will need your money for reservations by February 13. The cost is $12 per person for the show; this does not include lunch. For more information, please call 758-4110.

Veterans Evening Appointments

The West Roxbury division of the Brockton/West Roxbury VA Medical Center is now offering evening appointments in the General Medical Clinic and the Smoking Cessation Clinic. Appointments are available on Tuesday evenings from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Please call 1-800-492-8387 for more information and to schedule an appointment. These clinics are for both currently enrolled patients as well as new applicants. For more information, you can also contact your local Veterans Service Office in the Mattapoisett Town Hall at 758-4114.

ORR School District

The regular meetings for the remainder of the 1996-1997 school year of the ORR and Union 55 School District Special Education Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will be held on Wednesday, March 26 and Wednesday,

May 28 in the Old Rochester Regional High School Library from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. All parents of students with special needs, and those interested in the special education programs in our town are invited to attend. For further information, please call 748-2192, or Sandra Kinney (Marion) at 748-2836, Gail McSwiggan (Mattapoisett) at 758-4354, or Cynthia Atwood (Rochester) at 763-3894.

Acushnet Annual Town Election

Nomination Papers are now available for the Acushnet Annual Town Election to be held on April 7, 1997. The last day to take out Nomination Papers will be Friday, February 14 at 5:00 pm. Nomination Papers are furnished only to candidates or to their representatives presenting signed authorization. All Nomination Papers must be signed by no less than 35 registered voters.

The last day to submit Nomination Papers to the Board of Registrars for certification is Tuesday, February 18 at 5:00 pm. The last day and hour to file Nomination Papers with the Acushnet Town Clerk is Monday, March 3 at 5:00 pm. The last day and hour to file and objection to the Nomination Papers with the Town Clerk is Wednesday, March 5 at 5:00 pm. The last day and hour to withdraw nomination by filing a written request with the Town Clerk is also Wednesday, March 5 at 5:00 pm.

The deadline to register to vote in the Annual Town Election is Tuesday, March 18 at 4:00 pm. Special Registration Sessions will be held daily in the Acushnet Town Clerk's Office from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm, and from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. The office will also be opened Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Following are the offices and candidates whose terms are up for the April 7 election: Board of Selectmen, 3 years (Everett L. Hardy Jr.); Board of Assessors, 3 years (George H. Perry Jr.); Board of Health, 3 years (Gerald L. Toussaint); School Committee, 3 years (Mary Ellen Viera and Patricia Scott); Commissioner of Trust Funds, 3 years (Howard Plaud); Trustees of Free Public Library, 3 years (Alfred H. Robichaud); Cemetery Board, 3 years (Paul H. Fortin); Park Commissioners, 3 years (Donald J. Guenette); Housing Authority, 5 years (Mary Niemic and Mary E. Ouellette); Planning Board, 5 years (Marc Cenerizio); Board of Public Works, 3 years (Rene Racine and Albert R. Rivet).

For further information, please contact Acushnet Town Clerk Richard Threlfall at 998-0215.

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Mattapoisett Senior Touring Club

Following are upcoming trips slated for the Mattapoisett Senior Touring Club, which are open to all interested travellers:

• April 28 through May 2 - Five Days in Ocean City, Maryland. Includes Springfest, cruise, two shows for $299 double occupancy.

• May 1 - Venus De Milo Trip for lunch,

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• May 13 through May 15 - Three Days at Summit Lodge in Vermont for sightseeing, entertainment, and meals. Price is $219 double occupancy.

• July 14 through July 18 - Trip to Prince Edward Island. Includes sightseeing and entertainment for $469 double occupancy.

For flyers or further information on any of these trips, please call Florence at 748-1918 or Jean at 758-6470.

Tri-County Symphonic Concert

The annual FREE children's concert by the Tri-County Symphonic Band has become as much a part of Super Bowl Sunday as the game itself. This year the Old Hammondtown Jazz Band from Mattapoisett will be the featured "peer group" for the young people. Opportunity to "lead the band" is also part of the varied program designed to inspire a love of music in and to inspire the young of the South Coast community.

This concert is FREE thanks to the support of area cultural councils and the Massachusetts Cultural Council and many local businesses. Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 26 at 3:00 pm in the Main Auditorium of UMass Dartmouth. It's an event the whole family will enjoy and you'll be home in time for the big game!

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Marion Town Meeting and Election

Marion Town Clerk Debra M. Blanchette has announced that nomination papers are now available for the following offices: One Selectman, 3 years (Jonathan E. Dickerson); One Assessor, 3 years (Mary P. Nicholson); One Board of Health, 3 years (Thomas T. Streeter); Town Moderator, 1 year (David B. Titus); Two Planning Board, 3 years (David K. Pierce and Anne C. Shoemaker); One Planning Board, 1 year (Donald M. Kusza); Two Marion School Committee, 3 years (David L. Anderson and Benjamin F. Bryant); and One Marion School Committee, 1 year (George L. Askew).

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on April 28, 1997 and the Annual Town Election will be held on May 2, 1997.

Nomination papers must be filed with the Registrar of Voters for certification by 5:00 pm on March 17, 1997 and with the Town Clerk by 5:00 pm on March 31, 1997. The last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Town Election is Monday, April 8, 1997 until 8:00 pm.

Registration of voters is accepted during regular Town House office hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and Friday, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Voters may also register by mail. For additional information, please call the Marion Town Clerk's office at 748-3505.

Rochester Council on Aging

The following events are slated for this month by the Rochester COA:

• Saturday, January 25 - SHARE Pick-Up from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm (all packages must be picked up);

• Monday, January 27 - Whaling Museum (leave Town Hall at 9:00 am with lunch at Thad's, reservations a must);

• Tuesday, January 28 - AARP Meeting at 1:00 pm in Town Hall;

• Wednesday, January 29 - Shopping in Fairhaven at 9:00 am.

Gerontological Society Lecture

The Gerontological Society of Southeastern New England at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, located on Old Westport Road in North Dartmouth, will be holding a FREE lecture in the UMass Dartmouth Library Browsing Area on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 pm. Please park in lot 13. Guest speaker will be Deborah Jenkins, Director of Program Development from Coastline Elderly Services, Inc. The topic will be "The Alphabet Soup of the Aging Services Network."

Adoptable Animals

The local chapter of Animal Umbrella, Inc. has several cats available including some which have been declawed. Among them: a mother and son combo who would like to be adopted together. They are black and white, short-haired cats (3 to 4 years old) who have been

spayed and neutered.

The group is also featuring two cats who were recently protected by their guardian angel from destruction, rescued by Animal Umbrella, and are now in foster care awaiting a new beginning. They are about five years old — one is a spayed female and the other is a neutered male with white short hair and tiger patches — and both are extremely friendly. They could be either indoor or indoor/outdoor cats. If you can assist either of these cats with a new lease on life, please call Terri at 990-1413.

Also available for adoption this week: long-haired black female (eight months); long-haired black and white female (six months); short-haired calico female (six months); short-haired brown tiger (five months); short-haired black male (five months); long-haired Siamese cross (young adult).

In the dog category this week, the group has a small older dog (Lhasa Apso/Yorkie mix) by the name of "Benji" who is quiet and loves children. He has had all his shots and is licensed through this year. The other dogs recently available for adoption have been placed, but the Fairhaven Animal Shelter is still full with plenty to choose from. The Fairhaven Animal Shelter is located on Bridge Street across from Wal-Mart.

If interested in any of these animals, please call one of the local Animal Umbrella representatives (unless otherwise noted):

- Mary Lou at 758-9202;
- Priscilla at 758-2896;
- Trudy at 990-7806.

Fairhaven Fishermen's Association

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the Fairhaven Fishermen's Association's monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month at The Fairhaven Varsity Club, 9 Adams Street, in Fairhaven beginning at 7:00 pm.

The Fairhaven Fishermen's Association was recently formed by concerned citizens working together to get a Seed Program established in the Town of Fairhaven to help replenish the waters. The group's agenda includes:

- Replenishing shellfish stock with a clean seed program;
- Improving water quality;
- Develop new ways to grow shellfish for propogation;
- Promote and market shellfish;
- Find some way to provide health insurance to our commercial shellfishermen.

A member of the town's shellfish department will be there to answer questions.

Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm at The Fairhaven Varsity Club, 12 Adams Street, in Fairhaven. For more information, please contact Greg Leal, President of the Fairhaven Shellfishermen's Association, at 993-1064.

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Rochester Town Clerk

1997 Census

The 1997 Census Forms were mailed on Tuesday,

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Dog Licenses

The 1997 Dog Licenses are now available. There is a mail-in license application form enclosed in the forthcoming census mailing, or you may obtain a license in person from the Rochester Town Clerk's office. The fee schedule is $7 for a neutered or spayed dog, $10 for an unneutered or unspayed dog. Kennel licenses are $30 for six dogs, $60 for ten dogs, and $150 for commercial kennels. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's office at 763-3871.

Friends of the Elderly - Mattapoisett

Membership and Donations

The Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoisett, Inc. needs your help. The group's membership is open to anyone over 18 years of age and their goal is to help provide a better way of life for the senior citizens of Mattapoisett. In support of that goal, they run senior events, conduct fundraisers and coordinate activities with the town's Council on Aging.

If you identify with these goals and are considering gift giving, they would be most appreciated and put to good use. Gifts made during a person's life or as part of an estate plan are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code. You do not have to be a member to give. All members and officers of the Friends are volunteers and receive no compensation — so 100 percent of any gift would reach its goal.

Plumb Memorial Library - Rochester

Fine Free Month

This month is fine-free month at the Plumb Memorial Library. If library users have overdue books, they may bring them back with no questions asked and no fines will be charged. The library will clear your record and help you start the new year with a clean slate. Books may be returned in person, or in the drop box at the rear of the library or at Town Hall. All is forgiven.

Preschool Story Hour

An eight-week Preschool Story Hour series will begin on Wednesday, February 5 and will run through the last week in March. The series will be held at 10:30 am on Wednesday mornings and is open to children ages 3 through 5. This is an interactive program where parents get involved. Children will hear stories and songs, and will do crafts and interact with others their age. Registration is required. Call the library at 763-8600 or stop by during regular hours to register.

Health Collection

Do you have health questions? Want the latest information on traditional and alternative therapies? The library has an extensive new collection of material on physical health, as well as mental and spiritual health. Funded by a federal grant, the library is making improvements in their collection daily. The library has a great new video series that covers such topics as cancer, menopause, eating disorders, arthritis — over 30 health topics. New book titles include: *When You Worry About the Child You Love; Nursing: the Finest Art; Speaking of Sadness, Depression, Disconnection and the Meaning of Illness; Cooking Well for the Unwell; A Doctor's Guide to Therapeutic Touch; How Did I Become My Parent's Parent?; Hooked But Not Helpless: Kicking Nicotine Addiction; Eat Well for a Healthy Menopause;* and *Toxic Work: How To Overcome Stress, Overload and Burnout.*

The library also provides FREE Internet access, where users can find the latest information on even the most obscure medical topics. Free Internet access is provided through the generosity of Ultranet, Inc. The library also has several new health-related periodicals, as well as access to hundreds of others through their on-line periodical database. Stop by and see what the library has to offer.

Adult Book Discussion

The Plumb Library is in the process of starting an adult book discussion group and would like to hear from women and men interested in participating. The group is only in the planning stages, and can evolve depending on the needs and wants of those who sign up. If you'd like to

join the group and/or help organize it, please contact Lucy Van Petten at 763-8600, or stop by during regular library hours.

Library Hours

The Joseph Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester is open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Wednesday from 10:00 am to 5:00; and Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The library is closed on all major holidays.

Marion Art Center

Opening Reception

The Marion Art Center will be hosting an Opening Reception on Sunday, February 2 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm (not Saturday, February 1 as previously reported) to meet the artists featured in a two-person show. Recent paintings by Barbara Worthington of Wareham will be hung in the Cecil Clark Davis Gallery, and works by Pamela Roberts of New Bedford will be installed in the Patsy Francis Gallery at the Center, located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets in Marion. Members and friends of the artists are invited to attend. The exhibition will run through March 13.

The galleries of the Marion Art Center are open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, and Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission is FREE.

"No Exit"

The Marion Art Center's Young Directors will present Jean-Paul Satre's masterpiece "No Exit" on February 13, 14 and 15 at 7:30 pm. Featured in the performance are Elise Cooke, Mariel Goddu, Jeff Taylor, and Bryce McLaughlin. This classic piece takes place in a room with no windows, no mirrors, lights that never go out, and there is no exit. Two women and a man are locked into this hideous room in hell for eternity. There is no actual fire and brimstone, but the real torture is in the souls of these characters as revealed in clever conversation laced with wit and irony.

Due to the sophisticated material, this play is recommended for mature audiences. Tickets are $3 for Marion Art Center members and students, $5 for the general public. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 748-1266.

Exhibition Committee

The next meeting of the Marion Art Center Exhibition Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 4 at 4:00 pm. Artists wishing to have their work considered for exhibitions in 1998 should submit 15 to 20 slides or bring 6 original pieces. The center is open year-round and mounts twelve shows a year. Though the shows are juried, there is an open members show each year. For more information, please call 748-1266.

Theater Classes

• Grades 1 to 3 - Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, January 8 through April 9, 1997. (No classes on February 19 and March 19.) A production will be staged on April 9 at 4:00 pm; Jessica Shepardson is the instructor. The fee for the twelve-week course is $95 for MAC members, $110 for all others. To register, please call 748-1266.

• Grades 4 to 6 - Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm, February 5 through June 4, 1997. (No classes on February 19, March 26, and April 23.) A production will be staged on June 6 and 7; Jessica Shepardson is the instructor. The fee for the fifteen-week class is $140 for MAC members, $155 for all others. To register, please call 748-1266.

• Grades 7 to 12 - Thursday from 4:00 to 5:30 pm, February 6 through May 15, 1997. (No classes on February 20, March 27, and April 24.) A production will be staged on May 16 and 17; Jessica Shepardson is the instructor. The fee for the twelve-week class is $115 for MAC members, $130 for all others. To register, please call 748-1266.

Dance Classes

• Ages 5 and 6 - Thursday from 3:15 to 4:00 pm, February 6 through May 15, 1997. Kitty Martin is the instructor. The fee for the twelve-week class is $60 for MAC members, $75 for all others. To register, please call 748-1266.

• Adults - Monday from 5:15 to 6:15 pm, February 3 through March 31, 1997. Kitty Martin is the instructor. The fee for the eight-week class is $60 for MAC members, $75 for all others. To register, please call 748-1266.

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Art Classes

• Grades 1 to 3 - Saturday from 10:00 am to 11:30 am, January 25 through February 15. David Todd is the instructor. The fee for this four-week class is $45 for MAC members, $50 for all others. To register, please call 748-1266.

Tobey Hospital Guild

The next meeting of the Tobey Hospital Guild will be held on Thursday, January 30 at 1:30 pm in St. Patrick's Church Hall in Wareham. At 2:30 pm there will be a discussion on "Investor's First," an educational program presented by a staff member of the Securities Division within the office of Secretary of State, to educate people on some of the investment scams that exist. The 2:30 pm program will be open to all guests. Refreshments will be served.

Financial Aid Seminar

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth will be sponsoring its 13th Annual Regional Financial Aid Seminar on Wednesday, January 29 in Room 153 of the College of Visual and Performing Arts Building. The seminar is FREE and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 6:00 pm with the formal presentation beginning at 6:30 pm. Parking is available in lots 8 and 9.

This seminar will be a valuable experience for anyone involved in the financial aid process at any undergraduate institutions for the 1997-1998 academic year. Experienced financial aid administrators and peer counselors will provide information to simplify the financial aid process for applicants. For further information, please contact Michael Ellison at 999-8632.

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Tobey Hospital Telethon

Tobey Hospital invites area residents to tune in to Bay 8 television on Sunday, February 2 between 11:00 am and 11:00 pm for the hospital's Telethon to benefit "Community First - The Campaign for Primary Care." The event is the final fund-raising effort for Tobey Hospital's capital campaign to fund major modernization projects at the hospital. To date, the campaign has raised just under $2.8 million in pledges and gifts from individuals, businesses, and foundations. Thanks to the support of the community, Tobey will open its new Maternal/Child Health Center and a new main entrance and lobby in mid-March. A series of Open Houses is being planned to celebrate completion of these projects. Work will then begin on a new Outpatient Services Center, slated to open in the fall.

An enthusiastic committee of volunteers has been working with Tobey's Philanthropy Office and Continental Cablevision to plan the event. The telethon will feature video of construction in progress, messages from the Campaign Chairman, George Mock, and an update on Tobey's merger from Elaine Meredith, Vice President and Site Manager for Tobey Hospital. Many people in the community will participate as Masters of Ceremonies for the event, answering telephones and announcing pledges, and numerous talent spots will air throughout the 12 hours.

To date, MC's will include: Susan Semedo, also known as radio personality "Pebbles" on 94.5 WJMN; Jim Bruce of Wareham; Barbara Gee of Marion; and Drs. John Ogren, David Adelstein, and Gregory Johnson. Telephones will be manned by members of the Wareham Police and Fire Departments, town officials, hospital staff, EMT's from Wareham and Marion, members of the Bay Pointe Golf Club, and other business leaders.

If you would like to pledge your support of the campaign in advance of the telethon, or would like more information about the campaign, the projects, or the telethon, please call the Philanthropy Office at Tobey Hospital at 291-3716. Your pledge may be read on the air that day unless you request otherwise.

Buzzards Bay Habitat for Humanity

The Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc., an affiliate of Habitat International, was started in

July, 1995 and serves the towns of Acushnet, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, and Wareham. After a fifteen-month period of building the foundations of the organization, the Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity received approval of its application for affiliation from Habitat for Humanity International on December 4, 1996.

Habitat is not a give-away program. A family selection committee chooses homeowners on the basis of the level of need, the ability to repay a mortgage, and willingness to become partners in the program. Through volunteer labor, including "sweat equity" hours of the potential homeowners and tax-deductible donations of funds and materials, Habitat is able to build homes for much less than commercial builders. The homes are sold at cost (no profit, no interest) and BBAHH issues a no-interest mortgage over a fixed period. Mortgage terms discourage quick subsequent sale profit. Low housing costs reduce financial worries and home ownership builds pride and family dignity.

Homes will be built only with families who do not presently have adequate housing and do not have the financial means to build or purchase a house within current conventional mortgage programs. Applicants need to have lived in the service area for at least one year.

Applicants need to have a steady income history of at least $15,000 a year and show financial responsibility. The specific income figures for applicants depend on the community in which the applicant lives (Acushnet, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, and Wareham). Applicants must agree to commit to what the organization refers to as "sweat equity" time. They ask that the family put in a total of 300 hours of volunteer services.

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity is now set to work on the goal of building the foundations of its first house in June, 1997 and is actively searching for donated or low-cost land. If you have any information concerning any available site in the six-town area, please call the group at 984-1712, or write: Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 652, Marion, MA 02738.

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Movies & Entertainment

Mother knows best: Brooks strikes a chord of familiality

By Rob Gonsalves

■ *Mother*. Starring Albert Brooks and Debbie Reynolds. Directed by Albert Brooks. Running time: 104 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. At select theaters.

Albert Brooks is the Stanley Kubrick of comedy: every few years, he descends from the mountaintop with another work of genius. Or at least that's what Brooks' cultists say. The problem with unprolific *auteurs* (unlike Woody Allen, who puts out a film a year with varying success) is that each new film from a Kubrick or an Albert Brooks is greeted in some quarters as if it were the next *Star Wars* chapter — anticipation that no movie directed by a fallible human being could live up to.

Mother, Brooks' new comedy, may polarize his longtime fans, some of whom may complain that it isn't as brilliant as his 1985 *Lost in America*. Of course it isn't; *Lost in America* was Brooks' *2001* — a masterpiece he'll compete with forever. (I can picture him doing a depressed riff on that. "I wish I'd never made a great film," he might moan.) But *Mother* is a sign that smart comedy, despite Chris Farley, is *not* lost in America.

The premise is irresistible. Brooks is John Henderson, a Los Angeles science-fiction novelist wrapping up his second divorce. John, like Brooks' other protagonists, sets out on a quest to define himself and get to the root of his neurosis. He's had bad luck with women; therefore he goes back to the original woman — his mother (Debbie Reynolds), who, he feels, never gave him the support or validation he needed.

John moves back in with Mother, and the movie (written by Brooks and his frequent collaborator Monica Johnson) clicks into the usual Brooks structure: scene after scene of Brooks talking at someone. I say "talking at" because the comedy of Albert Brooks is that he hardly ever *listens*. He's always justifying, defending, riffing, but never giving anyone else the undivided attention he demands for himself.

In *Mother*, Brooks gives himself the ultimate sparring partner — the maternal source of the Albert Brooks persona. Scene for scene, the movie is intricately funny. As long as John and Mother are getting on each other's nerves — about their tastes in food, mostly — *Mother* is the most consistently solid comedy since *Flirting With Disaster* (which also got a lot of mileage out of familial tension).

Brooks does, however, err slightly in a go-nowhere subplot involving John's kid brother (Rob Morrow), a prosperous sports agent. Morrow isn't bad, but he doesn't get any comic rhythms going, and he doesn't look or act like Brooks' brother. Ben Stiller might have been a better match, given that his work in *Flirting With Disaster* was basically an Albert Brooks turn.

Debbie Reynolds, who's been getting all the kudos, is neither hateful nor cutesy — the two easy routes she could have chosen. She simply plays a believable woman who, it turns out, has hidden depths of character. Mother doesn't change, but John's perception of her does, and they have an honest talk that redeems Brooks' attempt at a cozy Hollywood finish.

John's quest is complete: he's found the source of his gifts as well as his neurosis. For our sake, though, I hope Albert Brooks isn't cured. By the time he starts his next film, he may be a parent himself. I can't wait for *that* comedy.

Movie Listings

■ **CINEMA 140**
376 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA.
Movie Line: 999-6577 / Office: 999-4240.

Friday (January 24) through Tuesday (January 28)

The People Vs. Larry Flynt (R) – Fri: 7:00, 9:45; Sat/Sun: 2:15, 5:00, 8:00; Mon/Tue: 8:40
Michael (PG) – Fri: 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Mon/Tue: 6:45, 9:00
Jerry Maguire (R) – Fri: 5:30, 8:15; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15; Mon/Tue: 8:15
Turbulence (R) – Fri-Sun: 9:15; Mon/Tue: 8:30
Scream (R) – Fri: 4:45; Sat/Sun: 12:00; Mon/Tue: 6:30
Beverly Hills Ninja* (PG-13) – Fri: 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Mon/Tue: 6:30, 8:15
In Love and War* (PG-13) – Fri: 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Mon/Tue: 6:45, 9:00
Zeus & Roxanne* (PG) – Fri: 4:45, 7:00; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00; Mon/Tue: 6:30

No discount coupons or passes accepted for these shows. Bargain Matinees before 6:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

■ **GENERAL CINEMA 8**
Route 6 and Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth, MA.
Movie Line: 999-3141 / Office: 999-3142.

Friday (January 24) through Thursday (January 31)

Metro (R) – 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
Evita (PG) – 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
101 Dalmatians (G) – 1:20, 3:25
Ransom (R) – 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Portrait of a Lady (PG-13) – 1:40, 4:50, 8:00
Fierce Creatures (PG) – 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:40
One Fine Day (PG) – 1:50, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00
Beavis & Butthead (PG-13) – 5:30, 7:20, 9:20
The Relic (R) – 2:10, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40

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Leisure Learning

New offerings will be available this year as part of Old Colony Regional Voke's Leisure Learning program. Starting January 27, on Monday night Old Colony will be offering a General Wood Carving course. Students will learn how to sharpen and use tools, select wood, read prints, lay out projects, and carve them. Also offered on Wednesday evenings starting January 29, a Computer Class for students interested in the new Windows 95 program.

The courses start the week of January 29 and each will run for six weeks (18 hours) at a cost of $45. For more information, please call 763-8011, extension 34.

Painting Classes

Professional artist Silva Fernandes will again offer painting classes at Old Colony in Rochester as part of the school's Leisure Learning Program. The course is open to both beginner and novice artists from southeastern Massachusetts. Course topics include the use of the palette knife, oil color, water color, free hand and poster painting.

Mr. Fernandes will begin a new six-week series of classes beginning Wednesday, January 29. The cost for the 18-hour program is $45. For more information, please call 763-8011, extension 34.

National Honor Society

In keeping with the Spirit of Christmas, the National Honor Society at Old Colony participated in Project CARE again this year. The Honor Society, with assistance from the staff and students, raised $600 for a needy family in the Greater New Bedford area. The family received needed food and gifts as a result of this effort. The activity was led by Cosmetology instructor Rita Bretto.

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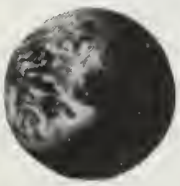

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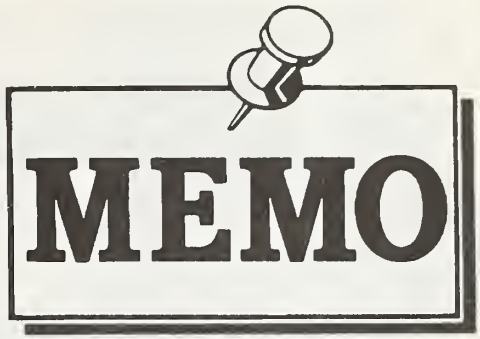

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Local Police Logs

ACUSHNET

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 12 through January 19, 1997:

- Mill Road – domestic disturbance
- Main Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Nye's Lane – domestic disturbance
- Slocum Street – summons issued (unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, equipment violation)
- Peckham Road – suicide attempt/suicide
- Ansel White Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
- Hope Street – neighbor problems
- South Main Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Anthony Street – motor vehicle accident
- Nye Avenue – disturbance/noise complaint
- South Main Street – motor vehicle accident
- Middle Road – hunting violations
- Porter Street – impounded dog/dangerous animal
- South Main Street – humane call/injured animal
- Middle Road – harassment
- Middle Road – domestic disturbance/adult arrest (assault and battery on household member)
- South Main Street – vandalism
- Blain Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Middle Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, speeding 47 mph in a 35 mph zone)
- Slocum Street – harassment
- Rotch Street – impounded dog/dangerous animal
- Hope Street – harassment
- South Main Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Burr Avenue – humane call/injured animal
- Main Street – breaking and entering/forced entry
- Lake Street – vandalism
- Main Street – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, speeding 40 mph in a 25 mph zone)
- Main Street – assault with hands/fists, personal injury
- Jean Street – adult arrest (warrant, possession of Class D substance)
- Parkside Avenue – annoying/obscene phone calls
- Main Street – disturbance/noise complaint
- Main Street – neighbor problems
- Bow Drive – suspicious motor vehicle.

FAIRHAVEN

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 14 through January 20, 1997:

- Alden Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Ash Street – assault
- Ash Street – juvenile arrest (warrant)
- Laura Lane – adult arrest (shoplifting)
- Fairhaven Commons Way – adult arrest (motor vehicle violations, fines)
- Route 6 – adult arrest (unlicensed operation of motor vehicle)
- Main Street – domestic violence
- Sconticut Neck Road – vandalism
- Washington Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Bridge Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Huttleston Avenue – juvenile arrest (assault and battery, unlawful possession of mace)
- K-Mart Lot – adult arrest (warrant, assault and battery, disorderly conduct)
- Farmfield Court – vandalism
- Wal-Mart – adult arrest (unlicensed operation of motor vehicle)
- Fairhaven Commons Way – adult arrest (warrant)
- Alden Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, illegal use of plates)
- Huttleston Avenue – adult arrest (disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace)
- Fort Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Main Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Alden Road – adult arrest (shoplifting)
- Briercliff Road – larceny
- Sconticut Neck Road – assault
- Huttleston Avenue – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Alden Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Pleasant Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Mulberry Street – vandalism
- Terry Street – general disturbance
- Huttleston Avenue – vandalism
- Huttleston Avenue – domestic violence
- Huttleston Avenue – adult arrest (default warrant)
- Main Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Huttleston Avenue – adult arrest (warrant, motor vehicle offenses)
- Middle Street – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Bridge Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Middle Street – entertainment license violation
- Sycamore Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Pequod Road – vandalism
- Water Street – threats.

MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 12 through January 18, 1997:

- Ridgewood Lane – larceny/past
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle stop/protective custody
- Lewis Street – suspicious activity
- Converse Road – suspicious activity
- Converse Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Hermitage Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Indian Cove Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Wells Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Abels Way – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (operating after license or right to operate revoked, operating after revocation of registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, giving false name to police officer)
- Front Street – shoplifting/in progress
- Front Street – adult arrest (warrant: fraud, larceny)
- Front Street – adult arrest (warrant: larceny by check, failure to return leased property).

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 14 through January 20, 1997:

- Channel Street – suspicious activity/motor vehicle
- Marion Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Park Street – missing juvenile reported
- Park Street – missing juvenile report cancelled
- Prospect Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wolf Island Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- County Road – trespassing
- County Road – recovered property
- Marion Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- Wolf Island Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- County Road – larceny of gas
- Water Street – suspicious activity/motor vehicle
- Harvey Orchard Lane – trespassing
- Acushnet Road – suspicious activity/motor vehicle
- County Road – found license plate
- Ned's Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Ned's Point Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- Shaw Street – open fence/damaged property
- County Road – suspicious person
- Angelica Avenue – motor vehicle violation, leaving the scene of an accident
- Angelica Avenue – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Angelica Avenue – suspicious activity.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 15 through January 20, 1997:

- Edward's Lane – domestic disturbance
- Gerrish Road – vandalism
- Union Church Terrace – larceny
- Mattapoisett Road – possible disabled motor vehicle
- Mayflower Bank – bank alarm
- Neck Road – alarm (commercial)
- Knight & Look Campground – suspicious motor vehicle
- Snow's Pond Road – suspicious motor vehicle.

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Certificate of Merit

At the District School Committee January meeting, two seniors at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School received "Certificates of Merit" from the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Karen Melo and David Dos Santos, both of Acushnet, were awarded their certificates by School Committee Chairman Vincent Ryan.

The students earned their certificates in recognition of their nominations for National Honor Society Scholarships. Both students are now eligible for scholarships worth $1,000.

Karen will graduate from the Electronics Program in June and will continue her education at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in September. Karen is currently Treasurer of the National Honor Society.

Graduating in June from Old Colony's Computer Information Technology Program, David is considering various post-secondary options including Northeastern University and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Canned Food Drive

This year the Old Colony Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) ran a canned food drive to help needy families in the school district. According to Mr. Marcus Ashley and Joseph Tisdelle, VICA Chapter co-advisors, "we are proud of all our students' efforts in this meaningful cause." This year, Old Colony collected a total of 1,952 canned goods, seven turkeys, and five hams and also collected enough monies to make up seven fruit baskets with the help of Ms. Janice Grandfield from the Guidance Department. All of the cans and dry food packets were inspected for freshness and vacuum sealed with the help of Mr. Ralph MacLeod, instructor from the Electronics Department, and his students.

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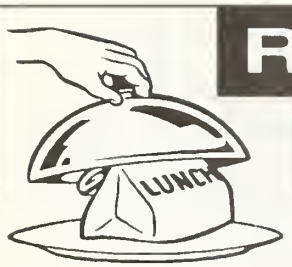

Regional Lunch Menus

■ ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Monday, January 27 — Meatball sandwich, mashed potatoes, carrots, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.
Tuesday, January 28 — Chicken nuggets, rice, corn, or ham and soup, dessert, milk.
Wednesday, January 29 — American chop suey, green beans, rolls, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.
Thursday, January 30 — Cheeseburgers, French fries, carrots, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.
Friday, January 31 — French bread pizza with linguiça, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, January 27 — Chicken nuggets, or egg salad roll, potato puffs, carrots, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, January 28 — Salisbury steak, mashed potato, tossed salad, or tuna roll, fruit, soup, salad, milk.
Wednesday, January 29 — Spaghetti, French bread, or turkey pocket, salad, fruit, milk.
Thursday, January 30 — Macaroni and cheese, chicken fajita pocket, veggie sticks, soup, milk.
Friday, January 31 — Pizza (cheese or linguiça), or tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION
Monday, January 27 — Beef tips with gravy, parslied noodles, beautiful vegetables, dinner roll, canned peaches.
Tuesday, January 28 — Pork chow mein noodles, imperial chow mein blend, white bread, blueberry cake.
Wednesday, January 29 — Meatballs with tomato sauce, ziti, Oregon blend vegetables, Italian bread, mixed fruit.
Thursday, January 30 — Honey dijon chicken dippers, white rice, corn, oatbran bread, fresh fruit.
Friday, January 31 — Lemon pepper pollock, au gratin potatoes, spinach, three grain bread, custard pudding.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Monday, January 27 — Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub with grated mozzarella, chicken salad roll, potato puffs, baked beans, applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.
Tuesday, January 28 — Spaghetti twists with grated mozzarella, mac rib, hamburger/cheeseburger, green beans, tossed salad, chilled pears, chocolate chip cookie.
Wednesday, January 29 — Roast turkey with gravy, Steak'Um and cheese sub, hot ham and cheese, whipped potato, peas, applesauce, blueberry pie.
Thursday, January 30 — Louis Rich turkey club, hamburger/cheeseburger, bologna and lettuce sub, fat free mini pretzels, apple, carrot sticks, snack 'n' loaf.
Friday, January 31 — Cheese pizza, sloppy Joe sub, ham and cheese on rye, potato puffs, corn, mixed fruit, winter cake.

■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL
Monday, January 27 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, chicken chow mein with crispy noodles, steamed rice, salmon nuggets with creole sauce, Oriental vegetables, chilled pineapple, apricot crisp.
Tuesday, January 28 — Italian meatloaf with sauce, grated mozzarella, BBQ chicken leg, seasoned pasta noodle, carrots, peas, chilled pears, chocolate chip cookie.
Wednesday, January 29 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot ham and cheese, scalloped potatoes, corn on the cob, applesauce, blueberry pie.
Thursday, January 30 — Sausage pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, Louis Rich turkey club, rice pilaf, broccoli with cheese sauce, peaches, strawberry jello with topping.
Friday, January 31 — American chop suey, grated mozzarella, double grilled cheese, "hero" grinder, salad, green beans, chilled pears, winter cake.

■ FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL – ACUSHNET
Monday, January 27 — Assorted hot sandwiches, soup.
Tuesday, January 28 — Chicken nuggets, rice, corn, or ham and soup, dessert, milk.
Wednesday, January 29 — American chop suey, green beans, rolls, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.
Thursday, January 30 — Cheeseburgers, French fries, carrots, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.
Friday, January 31 — French bread pizza with linguiça, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL
Monday, January 27 — Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub with grated mozzarella, chicken salad roll, potato puffs, baked beans, applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.
Tuesday, January 28 — Spaghetti twists with grated mozzarella, mac rib, hamburger/cheeseburger, green beans, tossed salad, chilled pears, chocolate chip cookie.
Wednesday, January 29 — Roast turkey with gravy, Steak'Um and cheese sub, hot ham and cheese, whipped potato, peas, applesauce, blueberry pie.
Thursday, January 30 — Louis Rich turkey club, hamburger/cheeseburger, bologna and lettuce sub, fat free mini pretzels, apple, carrot sticks, snack 'n' loaf.
Friday, January 31 — Cheese pizza, sloppy Joe sub, ham and cheese on rye, potato puffs, corn, mixed fruit, winter cake.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL – ROCHESTER
Monday, January 27 — Chicken nuggets, or egg salad roll, potato puffs, carrots, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, January 28 — Salisbury steak, mashed potato, tossed salad, or tuna roll, fruit, soup, salad, milk.
Wednesday, January 29 — Spaghetti, French bread, or turkey pocket, salad, fruit, milk.
Thursday, January 30 — Macaroni and cheese, chicken fajita pocket, veggie sticks, soup, milk.
Friday, January 31 — Pizza (cheese or linguiça), or tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE
Monday, January 27 — Fruit juice, chicken nuggets, French fries, peas, fruit, chocolate whipped cream cake.
Tuesday, January 28 — Hot dog, or chili dog, baked beans, chips, mixed vegetables, marble cake.
Wednesday, January 29 — Orange juice, American chop suey, green beans, roll, oatmeal cookie.
Thursday, January 30 — Ham and cheese sandwich, hash brown patty, carrots, sliced peaches.
Friday, January 31 — Vegetable beef soup, pizza, French fries, corn, assorted dessert.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL
Monday, January 27 — Chicken nuggets, or egg salad roll, potato puffs, carrots, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, January 28 — Salisbury steak, mashed potato, tossed salad, or tuna roll, fruit, soup, salad, milk.
Wednesday, January 29 — Spaghetti, French bread, or turkey pocket, salad, fruit, milk.
Thursday, January 30 — Macaroni and cheese, chicken fajita pocket, veggie sticks, soup, milk.
Friday, January 31 — Pizza (cheese or linguiça), or tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

■ ORR JR. & SR. HIGH SCHOOL
Monday, January 27 — Soup, American chop suey, chicken patty, green beans, garlic bread, juice or milk.
Tuesday, January 28 — Chicken fajita, or steak and cheese sub, lettuce and tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, juice or milk.
Wednesday, January 29 — Soup, BBQ, chicken or chicken fritters, peas, applesauce, roll, juice or milk.
Thursday, January 30 — Chicken parmesan, or Italian sub, fries, pickles, juice or milk.
Friday, January 31 — Chicken pie, or bacon cheeseburger, mashed potato, carrots, roll, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, January 27 — Chicken nuggets, or egg salad roll, potato puffs, carrots, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, January 28 — Salisbury steak, mashed potato, tossed salad, or tuna roll, fruit, soup, salad, milk.
Wednesday, January 29 — Spaghetti, French bread, or turkey pocket, salad, fruit, milk.
Thursday, January 30 — Macaroni and cheese, chicken fajita pocket, veggie sticks, soup, milk.
Friday, January 31 — Pizza (cheese or linguiça), or tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

■ ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL – FAIRHAVEN
Monday, January 27 — Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub with grated mozzarella, chicken salad roll, potato puffs, baked beans, applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.
Tuesday, January 28 — Spaghetti twists with grated mozzarella, mac rib, hamburger/cheeseburger, green beans, tossed salad, chilled pears, chocolate chip cookie.
Wednesday, January 29 — Roast turkey with gravy, Steak'Um and cheese sub, hot ham and cheese, whipped potato, peas, applesauce, blueberry pie.
Thursday, January 30 — Louis Rich turkey club, hamburger/cheeseburger, bologna and lettuce sub, fat free mini pretzels, apple, carrot sticks, snack 'n' loaf.
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The Old Colony Chapter of VICA would like to thank everyone who made this possible, and a special thanks to the anonymous donors for their generous donation of the turkeys and hams which were greatly appreciated. They would also like to thank VICA students Timothy Couto and Nathan Collins for all their hard work of sorting and packing the canned goods.

Student Government Day

Two Old Colony Regional Voke students will be participating in the 50th Annual Student Government Day. David Dos Santos, an Acushnet resident, and Travis Edminster, a Freetown resident, will be representing Old Colony on Friday, April 4, 1997 at the State House in Boston.

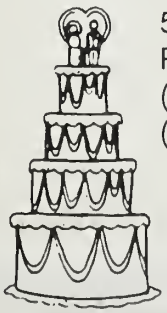
Students will be selected to run the State Government for one day. The purpose of the program is to give students a hands-on approach to learning about our State Government. The Student Government Day is sponsored by the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

Acushnet Council on Aging

Show

Seniors are invited to attend a show at St. Francis Xavier School on January 27 at 1:00 pm.

Donna's Cookie Jar



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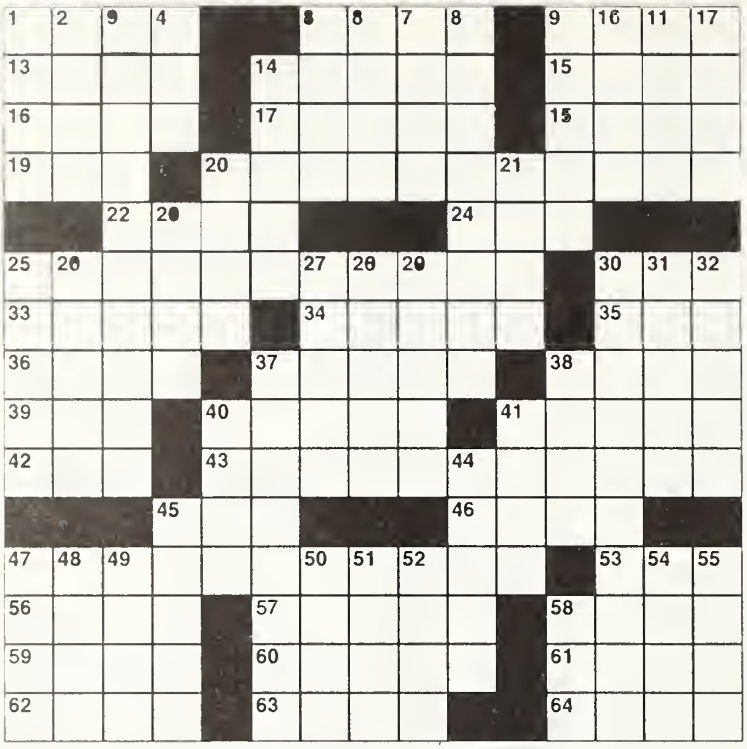

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Weekly Tip: You're either gaining experience or relying on experience you've picked up along the way.

Aries (March 21-April 19). Confide your dreams to a person who can help you achieve them. Take care — you know how you get when you're revved up.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). You could get a good bargain if you know where to look. Ask a friend. Delegate some of the work to a far-away friend.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). There are a few tense moments, but you'll make it through. You're smart and lucky. It's full speed ahead.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You may find something you want for your home. Follow an older friend's advice. You'll have to think and act quickly to keep up.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Money's the issue. Don't blow a bunch of it to impress your friends. You have amazing powers.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you've got a job, ask for a raise. You've undoubtedly earned it. If you don't have a job, go get one.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Although there's lots to be done, you're in a good mood. You're lucky, too. Watch out for direct confrontations.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Buy something nice you've been wanting for your home. Your workload's intense. You're learning a great deal from this experience.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your friends come through for you. Let them know what you need. Romance sizzles. Don't spend too much on it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your intuition's blocked by an air sign's incessant chatter. Be nice, but be careful.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You could spend more than usual on your date. You'll make a fabulous impression. Your mind's like a steel trap.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You're strong. Don't take any flak from a talkative friend. Shop the flea markets you could get good stuff at fire-sale prices.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing regarding proposed changes in the Rules, Regulations and Requirements of Subdivisions. Proposed changes will affect: fees, presubmission conference, consulting fees and submittal requirements. Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 1997 at 7:15pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.

Janice M. Crook, Chairman 1/17, 1/24

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on the Form C subdivision plan, Hollybrook Phase III, submitted by Raymond W. Clapp. Property is bounded northerly by Earl's Court, easterly by land n/f of Kurt Thompson, southerly and westerly by Sherman Brook.

Hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, January 28, 1997 at 7:45pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.

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Line Dancing

Line Dancing will be held every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the American Legion Hall on Hope Street. All are encouraged to join the group.

Council Members

Seniors interested in becoming council members at the Acushnet Council on Aging should call William Contois at 998-0280.

Volunteer Needed

The Acushnet Council on Aging is looking for a volunteer to teach seniors how to use a computer. Please call 998-0280 if interested.

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Marion Council on Aging

PACE Fuel Assistance

Applications are now being accepted for Fuel Assistance through PACE. New applicants must come in person to the New Bedford office but seniors may also come to the Marion Council on Aging. Please call at 748-3570 for an appointment with Peg Reed on Wednesday.

FISH

FISH is a volunteer organization of drivers who are available to help seniors get to doctor appointments. New volunteers are urgently needed. If you have a few hours to spare now and then and are a good driver, please call the Marion Council On Aging at 748-3570.

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"As a member of the local community, Nye Lubricants is pleased to support the recycling hotline," said George B. Mock III, Executive Vice President at Nye Lubricants. "Sponsoring the hotline gives us a chance to help recycling efforts in the area. The E-Call hotline makes it easy for citizens to get involved, and stay involved, in

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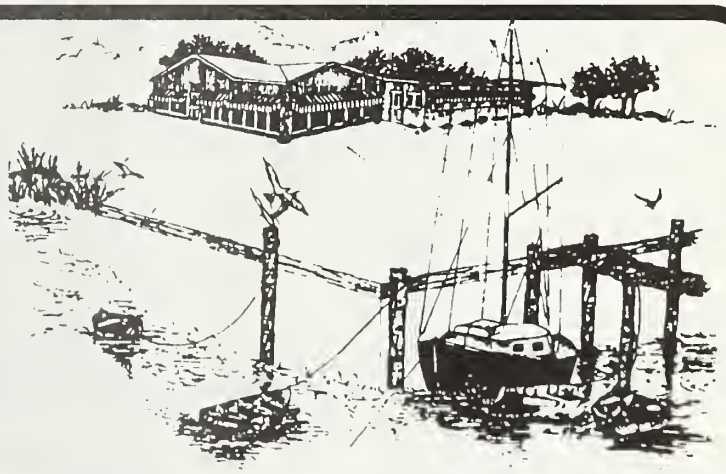

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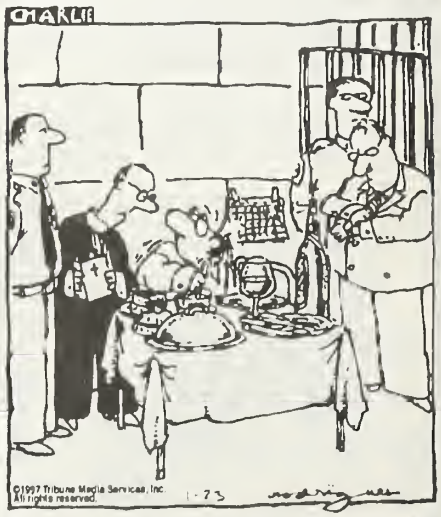

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

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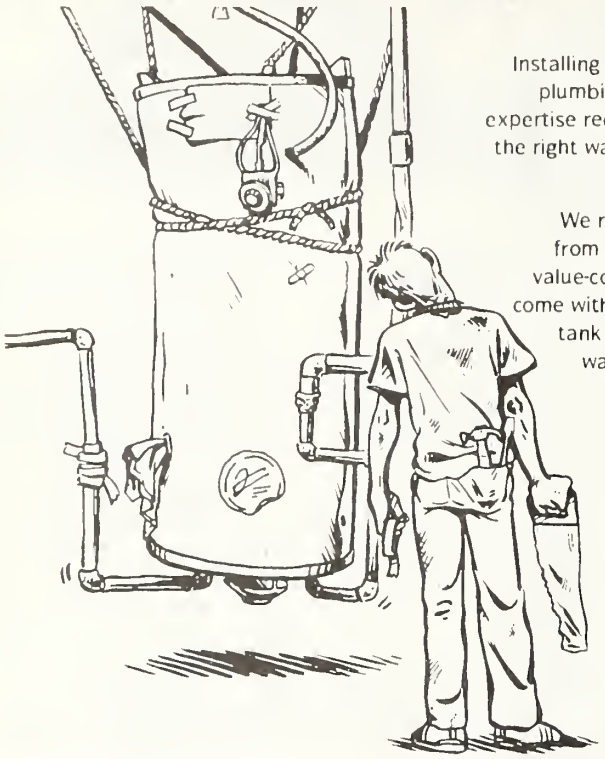

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January 25:	**Sat.**	8:53	9:13	2:05	2:32
January 26:	**Sun.**	9:32	9:53	2:38	3:02
January 27:	**Mon.**	10:11	10:34	3:02	3:34
January 28:	**Tues.**	10:51	11:17	3:48	4:08
January 29:	**Wed.**	11:34	. . .	4:28	4:47
January 30:	**Thur.**	12:03	12:22	5:13	5:31
January 31:	**Fri.**	12:55	1:17	6:06	6:23
February 1:	**Sat.**	1:52	2:17	7:06	7:23
February 2:	**Sun.**	2:52	3:18	8:16	8:30
February 3:	**Mon.**	3:51	4:17	9:28	9:38
February 4:	**Tues.**	4:47	5:13	10:35	10:44
February 5:	**Wed.**	5:41	6:06	11:35	11:45
February 6:	**Thur.**	6:32	6:57	. . .	12:28
February 7:	**Fri.**	7:24	7:48	12:41	1:19
February 8:	**Sat.**	8:13	8:37	1:34	2:07
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